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**PASTOR DERRICK JOHNSON (AKA PASTOR D') RETURNS TO
DELAWARE STATE PRISONS - FROM PRISON TO POWER, "GIVING IT BACK!" -
THROUGH PROJECT L.I.F.E. PROGRAM**

Wilmington, DE (December 5, 2007) – December celebrates the 11-year anniversary of Pastor Derrick Johnson's (aka Pastor D') release from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution. Pastor D' served a total of 12-1/2 years throughout Delaware State prisons, including Delaware Correctional Center, and Sussex Correctional Institution. As Project L.I.F.E.'s (Living In Freedom Everyday) National Spokesperson, he will return once again to these prisons, but this time on the other side seeking to motivate, inspire, encourage and educate those behind prison bars in an effort to reduce the alarming recidivism rate.

This program has been developed by The Kerwin Phillips Foundation and Joshua Harvest Church. "This is a tearful yet joyous moment for all of us as we celebrate our National Spokesperson's return to the prisons the same week he was released over 10 years ago - But, this time as an agent of change," said Que English, Executive Director of Project L.I.F.E. and CEO of The Kerwin Phillips Foundation. "If we are going to reduce the recidivism rate among our people, we have to let them see those who have done it successfully. They have to see their own to believe in themselves. We're hoping with this tour to empower, educate, and provide pertinent keys that will allow them to successfully re-enter society. This is not just a social visit or a holiday gathering. They not only need to know that rehabilitation is available to all, but how to achieve it."

Pastor Derrick Johnson (aka Pastor D') serves as pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in Wilmington, Delaware, Joshua Harvest Church, boasting a membership of over 600 people. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the HOPE Commission, founded in 2005 by the Honorable James M. Baker, Mayor of the City of Wilmington. The charge to the Commission is to find "solutions to the serious societal issues facing the City [through] a concerted collaborative effort, involving the resources and expertise of the many levels of government, non-profit organizations, the business community, educational, religious, philanthropic, public safety, and community organizations and concerned citizens." Pastor D' also recently received the Homegrown Hero award, bestowed upon him by the Wilmington Metropolitan Urban League, and the American Citizen Award from The Omega Psi Phi National Organization.

“So many of the men and women who are incarcerated today are like I was and they want very badly to change and to succeed outside. And then there are so many that are unlike I was and don’t believe they can,” said Pastor D’. “I’m thankful to God to have a word for them both. So I am excited about going back and knowing this time, at the end of the day, someone will have seen proof that we can both change and rise to the highest level of life in free society,”

Joining Pastor D’ this week will be **renowned gospel artist, Micah Stampley, Sincere, “Trina”, stellar-award nominee, Pettidee, former NBA player, Lowes Moore, KISS FM radio personality, Toya Beasley and others.** This event will commence on **Monday, December 10** and end on **Friday, December 14**. On this tour, they will visit **Sussex Correctional Institution in Georgetown; Delaware Correctional Center in Smyrna; Baylor Women’s Correctional Institution in New Castle; and Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington.**

“Statistics reveal that religious and spiritual programs do indeed have a positive effect on offenders,” said Delaware Department of Correction Commissioner Carl C. Danberg. “Those who connect with religious organizations are found to be less likely to return to prison and problem behavior. And we all know the benefit of mentoring, straight talk and involvement with someone who can relate to where you have been and can show a better way. Project L.I.F.E. brings both ideas together, and it is all accomplished by a man who is one of Delaware’s success stories.”

Earlier this year, the State of Delaware passed a senatorial resolution for this program to be in every institution in the State of Delaware. “I’m excited the doors have opened for what I believe is the program of hope and inspiration needed to make a difference in our generation,” said Senator Margaret Henry.

Kerwin Phillips Foundation mission is to improve the quality of life for people mentally, physically, socially and economically. **Project L.I.F.E. (Living In Freedom Everyday)** was launched in 2006. It utilizes ***The Bible Experience***, produced by **Inspired By Media Group (IBMG)** as their spiritual empowerment tool. The target audiences are those within penal institutions, as well as any man, woman, boy or girl struggling to survive who have become a prisoner of their own circumstances. Their 2006-2007 “Save Our Children” campaign with Dr. Bill Cosby and others has impacted audiences across the U.S.

Inspired By Media Group (IBMG) is a Los Angeles-based production company committed to serving the faith-based and general markets by creating family-oriented products that are culturally relevant in scope. Executive Producers Lou “Buster” Brown, Kyle Bowser, Ron Belk and Robi Reed bring more than 40 years combined experience in the convergent areas of music, television, film, theater, literature, new media and technology. IBMG is considered an industry leader in delivering contemporary multimedia products.

Press Conference will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at the Sussex Correctional Institution in Georgetown, Delaware, 10:00am – 11:00am. Please call 302.893.9235 to confirm attendance.

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